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I. Taltal

As of January 1948

1. Port Facilities: There are 21 lighters with a total capacity of 840 tons, and two tugs. There are four cranes each with a capacity of 1.5 tons, and one crane with a 6-ton capacity. There are 10 chutes.
 2. Cargo Handling: Six gangs are available. The various discharging and loading rates are shown below:

<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Men/Gang</u>	<u>Tons/Gang/Hour</u>		<u>Tons/Gang/Day</u>		
		<u>Dis.</u>	<u>Load</u>	<u>Std. Time</u>	<u>Incl. Overtime</u>	
Nitrate	7		30	220	400	
Coal	9	15		120	200	
Ores	9		30	220	400	

As of November 1947

3. Stevedoring:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Ordinary Day</u>	<u>Sundays & Holidays</u>	
0700-1100	-	100%	25X1A
1100-1300	100% plus v/of meal	200% plus v/of meal	-
1300-1700	-	100%	-
1700-1900	100% plus v/of meal	200% plus v/of meal	
1900-2400	100%	300%	
2400-0700	200%	500%	

These percentages apply only to the ship gangs and not to the lightermen or laborers on the mole. It is understood, however, that the overtime for both lightermen and shore labor follow somewhat the same percentage scale.

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II. BarquitoAs of November 1953

4. Port Facilities: There are two tugs, and also 43 lighters with a total capacity of 2030 tons. Cargo is discharged only by lighter. There are three cranes, one of which has a 12-ton capacity, the other two having a 2.5-ton capacity. There is one heavy lift crane with a 22-ton capacity. Bunkers can be supplied in an emergency. Fresh water is not available.

5. Cargo Handling: There are 13 gangs with nine men per gang. Tons per gang hour as follows:

<u>Loading</u>	<u>Discharging</u>
Copper 25 tons	General 12 tons
Coke	10 tons
Steel	25 tons
Lumber	12 tons

Work continues from the arrival to the departure of a ship. Meals are served on board.

III. ChanaralAs of November 1953

6. Port Facilities: There is one tug, and there are 25 lighters with a total capacity of 850 tons. Cargo is discharged only by lighter. There is one crane with a 3-ton capacity, but no heavy lift crane.

7. Cargo Handling: There are 13 gangs with nine men per gang. Tons per gang hour as follows:

<u>Loading</u>
Sacked Ore 18 tons
Bulk Ore 18 tons

There are two chutes for bulk ores. The maximum tonnage per day for ores is one thousand tons because of poor mole facilities.

As of November 1947**8. Stevedoring:**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Ordinary Day</u>	<u>Sundays & Holidays</u>
0730-2230	-	-
2230-0730	100%	100%

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9. Fresh Water: Fresh water is supplied only in case of emergency. The water comes from the Andes and is suitable for drinking and other purposes. The lighter, which has a 10-ton capacity, is located at Barquito Bay. Pumping operations must be performed by ship's gear, but there is a hose long enough to pump from the lighter alongside the ship. The speed of pumping, therefore, depends upon the ship's gear. Not more than 30 tons can be supplied.

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IV. Caldera

As of November 1953

10. Port Facilities: There are 35 lighters with a total capacity of 1220 tons, and also four tugs. Cargo is discharged only by lighter. There are four cranes, each of which has a 2-ton capacity, and one heavy lift crane with a 20-ton capacity. No bunkers are available.

11. Cargo Handling: There are six gangs with 13 men per gang. Tons per gang hour as follows: Loading - Bulk and sacked ore, 16 tons. Because of poor mole facilities and the lack of gangs, the maximum amount of ore loaded per day is about one thousand tons the first day and is much reduced thereafter.

12. Fresh Water: No fresh water available.

As of November 194713. Stevedoring:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Ordinary Days</u>	<u>Sundays & Holidays</u>
0700-1700	-	100%
1800-2000	75%	150%
2000-2400	100%	200%
2400-0700	150%	200%

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V. Huasco

As of January 1948

14. Port Facilities: There are 16 lighters with a total capacity of five hundred tons, but no tugs or cranes.

15. Cargo Handling: There are four gangs available with 10 men per gang. One gang can load 15 tons of ore per hour. Working without overtime, one gang can load 120 tons of ore per day. Including overtime, one gang can load three hundred tons of ore per day. For maximum dispatch per call, the port can handle one thousand tons of ores.

As of November 194716. Stevedoring:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Ordinary Days</u>	<u>Sundays & Holidays</u>
0700-1100	-	100%
1100-1300	\$7.40 plus time worked with 100%	\$7.40 plus time worked--100%
1300-1700	-	100%
1700-1900	\$7.40 plus time worked with 100%	\$7.40 plus time worked--125%
1900-2400	100%	125%
2400-0700	200%	200%

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